

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Hardcastle, Martin, Palmer, Comegys, Hicks, Crisfield and Handy.

Mr. Bruce presented a petition of sundry citizens of Allegany county, praying the passage of a law to lay out a certain road therein named;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Bruce, Smith and Buchanan.

Mr. Brengle presented a petition of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank of Frederick county, and of the Frederick County Bank, praying an extension of their charters;

Which was read, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Bowlus presented a report of the Visitors of Saint John's Literary Institution of Frederick county, relative to the condition of said academy;

Which was read, and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Fooks presented a petition of sundry citizens of Somerset and Worcester counties, praying the grant of a charter for a rail road from Salisbury to Berlin, to be called "the Salisbury and Berlin Rail Road Company;"

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Fooks, Handy, Townsend, of Worcester, Powell and Crisfield.

Mr. McLean presented a memorial of the Medical Faculty of the University of Maryland, praying such a modification of the charter of that institution as will admit them to a limited participation in the government of their particular faculty, and further praying a release from the payment of the interest on the loan therein referred to;

And Mr. Boyd presented a petition of sundry citizens of Havre de Grace, in Harford county, praying for an act to incorporate a banking company in said town, by the name of The Havre de Grace Bank;

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

On motion of Mr. Simmons,

Ordered, That the Speaker appoint a committee of five, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the expediency of suspending the construction of the Annapolis and Potomac canal, and in lieu thereof to construct a rail road from Annapolis, to connect at the most convenient point with the Baltimore and Washington rail road; and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise;

In pursuance whereof, the Speaker appointed Messrs. Simmons, Brengle, Harris, Tuck and Alexander to compose the committee.

On motion of Mr. McLean,